

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 have been cancelled, and new claims 19-36 have been added. The claims find support throughout the specification. No new matter has been added.

The specification has been amended to include a cross reference to the parent applications.

A copy of the inventors' Declaration filed in the International Phase is attached.
A copy of the published International Application is attached.

An early and favorable Action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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